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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GOL TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA

1. KOREAN CHARGE MOON INFORMS ME THAT THE GOL FOREIGN MINISTER HAS CONFIRMED THAT GOL HAS TAKEN DECISION IN PRINCIPLE TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA. ACCORDING TO MOON, NORTH KOREAN AND LIBERIAN AMBASSADORS HAD SERIES OF CONTACTS IN CONAKRY OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS CONCERNING NORTH KOREA'S DESIRE TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH GOL. IN DECEMBER LIBERIAN AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW WAS INVITED TO VISIT PYONGYANG FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS. HE WAS AUTHORIZED BY GOL ON THIS OCCASION TO AGREE TO NORTH KOREAN REQUEST TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

2. TO DATE, GOL HAS LEFT ANY FURTHER INITIATIVE COMPLETELY TO NORTH KOREA. MOON SAYS THAT LOWER LEVEL SOURCES IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAVE TOLD HIM THAT NORTH KOREA ASKED TO SEND A SPECIAL MISSION TO LIBERIA AT THE END OF DECEMBER, THE MAIN PURPOSE OF WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN A JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT BY TWO GOVERNMENTS OF THEIR INTENTION ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. REPORTEDLY, GOL RESPONDED THAT TIME NOT PROPITIOUS BECAUSE OF HOLIDAY

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3. CHARGE MOON SAYS THAT NUMEROUS DEMARCHES TO GET GOL TO RECONSIDER ITS DECISION HAVE FAILED. AS A FALLBACK POSITION SOUTH KOREA HAS URGED GOL TO DELAY ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. MOON ASKED WHETHER USG WOULD SUPPORT ROK DEMARCHE THAT GOL ENGAGE IN PROLONGED DELAYING TACTICS. I WAS NON-COMMITTAL AND WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ONTHIS POINT.

(COMMENT: UNLESS THERE ARE MORE VITAL ISSUES AT STAKE THAN APPARENT HERE, I WOULD QUESTION WHETHER WE SHOULD ATTEMPT OVERTURN GOL DECISION AT THIS LATE DATE. GOL STOOD FIRM WITH US ON KOREAN ITEMS AT LAST UNGA AND I WOULD PREFER SAVE OUR AMMUNITION FOR MORE POSITIVE ACTIONS. CHANCES OUR SUCCESS WOULD BE LOW IN ANY EVENT.)

4. MOON BELIEVES THAT IF NORTH KOREAN MISSION ESTABLISHED HERE, SOUTH KOREAN EMBASSY WOULD REMAIN.
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